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MEMORANDUM FOR: Executive Officer, OCI

THROUGH : Chief, Sino-Soviet Bloc Area

FROM : Chief, China and Asian Satellites

Division

SUBJECT: Organization of CAS Division

1. This memorandum recommends modifications in the formal organization of CAS Division. The reasons for the recommendations are:

a. The Division's added responsibilities for covering military developments.

b. The Division's needs for adequate clerical support.

Military

- 2. In the summer of 1962, the military analyst on Communist Asia was brought into CAS Division. A JOT was later assigned as his assistant, and processing is under way for another assistant.
- 3. Our experience during the Taiwan Strait crisis last summer showed the hazard of trying to operate with only one expert on Chinese Communist military affairs. The situation is much improved now that we have a second military analyst, but we still look to the Asian Satellite Branch for help in covering military developments in Laos and Vietnam. The third military analyst should provide all the support needed for current intelligence production on Asian Communist military affairs.
- 4. At present the organization chart of CAS Division does not reflect its added responsibilities for military intelligence coverage. I reserve judgment on our personnel needs if we have to get deeply involved in background studies on Asian Communist military and paramilitary doctrine. May I urge, however, that a Military Branch be set up in the Division with the minimum of three slots needed for current intelligence production.

Clerical

- 5. The Executive Officer has been most helpful in providing CAS Division with clerical help above that called for in the Division's organization chart. May I request that the organization chart be formally amended to allow for a third clerical slot.
- 6. The allowance of only two clerical slots was a carry-over from the China Branch before it was reorganized in 1956 into the CAS Division. The reorganization provided for an increased number of intelligence officers but the same number of secretaries.
- 7. Working for a Division, the secretaries found themselves with an added load, e.g. time-record keeping. Until the Executive Officer assigned a third secretary to the Division, it almost always operated by borrowing help from other offices. I understand that a third clerical slot in CAS Division would be in line with the number allowed other OCI Divisions of about the same size. It would also correspond to the number of secretaries the Division has had to employ in practice.

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